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## E. W. Godwin Oak Shakespeare Chair

**£3,850.00**

W: 59 cm (23 1/4")  
H: 92 cm (36 1/4")  
D: 47 cm (18 1/2")

Oak Shakespeare chair, designed by E.W. Godwin and manufactured by William Watt. Circa 1882.

With wonderful curved armrests and a generous dished seat. The narrow rectilinear back with vertical splats.

This chair is supported on turned legs and turned uprights support the armrests.

E.W Godwin (1833 - 1886) was an architect and furniture designer. He spanned numerous styles with ease and had a clear emphasis on functionality and simplicity. Max Beerbohm once called him 'the greatest aesthete of them all.'

Godwin's writing demonstrates his preoccupation with the impact of design on society. He was ahead of his time, as this would go on to become a chief concern of 20th Century furniture designers.

This delightful chair forms part of 'The Shakespeare Dining Room Set,' designed by Godwin in the Elizabethan Revival style for William Watt. The collection of chairs, a table, and a couple of other pieces of furniture was illustrated in *Building News* in 1881.

This is a charming piece of cottage-style furniture. It has a timeless vernacular aesthetic and will make a great addition to any home.

Materials & Techniques: ['217']  
Condition: Excellent  
Period: 19th Cent

